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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARION POENARU,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:21-mj-00372-EJY

**Stipulation to Continue the Preliminary
Hearing (First Request)**

It is hereby stipulated and agreed, by and between Christopher Chiou, Acting United States Attorney, through Jim W. Fang, Assistant United States Attorney, and Michael V. Castillo, Esq., counsel for Defendant Marian Poenaru, that the preliminary hearing in the above-captioned matter, previously scheduled for May 24, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., be vacated and continued until a time convenient to the Court, but no earlier than 30 days from the current setting.

1. Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure Rule 5.1(d) provides that “[w]ith the defendant’s consent and upon a showing of good cause—taking into account the public interest in the prompt disposition of criminal cases—a magistrate judge may extend the time limits [for preliminary hearings] one or more times.” Here, the parties desire to explore the

1 potential to resolve this matter before defendants are formally charged by a criminal
2 indictment.

3 2. In that regard, the government will be providing defense counsel with limited
4 Rule 16 discovery in order to facilitate pre-indictment resolution. Defense counsel will need
5 additional time to review the discovery and discuss the case with his client prior to a
6 preliminary hearing or indictment.

7 3. This continuance is not sought for the purposes of delay, but to allow defense
8 counsel an opportunity to examine the merits of this case before a potential resolution can
9 be reached between the parties.

10 4. Defendant is in custody and agrees to the continuance.

11 5. Denial of this request could result in a miscarriage of justice, and the ends of
12 justice served by granting this request outweigh the best interest of the public and the
13 defendants in a speedy trial.

14 6. The additional time requested by this stipulation is excludable in computing
15 the time within which indictment must be filed pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C.
16 § 3161(b), and considering the factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B)(i) and (iv).

17 DATED this 19th day of May, 2021.

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FINDINGS AND ORDER

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9 Based on the pending Stipulation between the defense and the government, and good
10 cause appearing therefore, the Court hereby finds that:

11 1. The parties desire to continue the preliminary hearing to facilitate pre-
12 indictment resolution, and the government will be providing defense counsels with limited
13 Rule 16 discovery for that purpose. Defense counsel will need additional time to review the
14 discovery and discuss the case with his client prior to a preliminary hearing or indictment.
15 The Court finds good cause to continue the hearing to allow the parties to reach a pre-
16 indictment resolution.

17 2. Both counsel for defendant and counsel for the government agree to the
18 continuance.

19 3. Defendant is in custody and agrees to the continuance.

20 4. The continuance is not sought for the purposes of delay, but to allow defense
21 counsel an opportunity to examine the merits of this case before a potential resolution can
22 be reached between the parties.

5. Denial of this request could result in a miscarriage of justice, and the ends of justice served by granting this request outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial.

6. The additional time requested by this stipulation is excludable in computing the time within which indictment must be filed pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), and considering the factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B)(i) and (iv).

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the preliminary hearing in the above-captioned matter currently scheduled for May 24, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. be vacated and continued to June 21, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in Courtroom 3C.

DATED this 20th day of May, 2021.


HONORABLE ELAYNA J. YOUCHAH
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE